



Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
Water Resources Division

PUBLIC NOTICE

Michigan Coastal Management Program
Submission of Program Change Request to NOAA

December 3, 2021

The Michigan Coastal Management Program (MCMP), in the Water Resources Division (WRD), Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), was approved by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in 1978, pursuant to Section 306 of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972 (P.L. 92-583). The MCMP, as approved, includes enforceable policies involving the management and protection of the Great Lakes coastal zone in Michigan that are contained in several state statutes and administrative rules. To keep the MCMP current, it is occasionally necessary to update the description of those enforceable policies to reflect legislative amendments, rule revisions, and similar actions.

Federal Regulations (15 CFR Part 923, Subpart H) require that such changes to an approved state coastal management program be submitted to NOAA's Office for Coastal Management for review and approval. NOAA approval of changes to enforceable policies is required so that the policies can be applied in the state's review of federal actions as authorized under the CZMA. Today, December 3, 2021, EGLE is submitting the following proposed MCMP change to NOAA:

Legislative amendments to Part 637 (Sand Dune Mining), of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 Public Act 451, as amended, and addition of 13 administrative rules promulgated pursuant to Part 637. The amendments modify the state law addressing sand mining in Michigan's Sand Dune Areas and maintain the general scope and application of the statute as previously approved by NOAA. The administrative rules establish 13 Sand Dune Areas on the Lake Michigan coast. The additions and modifications to the enforceable policies of the MCMP will apply to CZMA Federal Consistency reviews upon NOAA approval.

EGLE's MCMP change request is available for viewing on NOAA's Program Change web portal at: <https://coast.noaa.gov/czmprogramchange/#/public/home>. Comments on the incorporation of the proposed change into the MCMP should be submitted directly to the NOAA Office for Coastal Management through the NOAA Program Change web portal. NOAA will accept comments for 21 days following the date of publication of this notice, December 3, 2021.

For additional information on this public notice, contact Ronda Wuycheck, Supervisor, Coastal Management Program Unit, Field Operations Support Section, WRD, at 517-420-5921 or WuycheckR@Michigan.gov. For information on enforceable policies of the MCMP used for CZMA Federal Consistency reviews, contact Matt Smar, Federal Consistency Specialist, Field Operations Support Section, WRD, at 517-230-7849 or at SmarM@Michigan.gov.

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